

**Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel  
20 March 2014 Funding Report**

**1. Context**

- 1.1** Following the change to the Council's Constitution, Area Panels now have the responsibility for approving any project funding applications that are received through Area Partnerships.
- 1.2** This report sets out any project applications that have been carried forward from the previous financial year, projects that have already been approved (through the previous process of Area Managers approving, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors) and those projects that are being put forward for consideration by the Area Panel (attached at Appendix 1).
- 1.3** Any project applications received by the Area Partnership team, will be assessed against a set of criteria (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier agenda item), before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the panel for decision.
- 1.4** Any projects that do not meet the criteria will be referred back to the project applicant for further information or a re-submission.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** That funding for a new gate installation at New Invention Square, as summarised at appendix 1, be approved
- 2.2** That funding for the Willenhall Youth Programmes Easter Activities, as summarised at appendix 2, be approved from the 2014 / 15 budget allocation, subject to IYPSS providing confirmation, which meets the Partnership Manager's approval, on how young people shall be identified and that an update on the Willenhall Youth Programmes Easter Activities be included within the next funding report.

**3. Carried Forward Projects**

- 3.1** Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2012 / 13, but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request was made and approved to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Willenhall Library Planter	For the removal of existing planters, replacing materials, removal of rubbish, as well as purchase of trees	£2440.00	£0.00	Greenspaces	Willenhall South

Culmore Close Security Improvements	To improve the security on Culmore Close with gating	£1244.00	£0.00	Crime	Short Heath
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#### 4. Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects have already been approved and are in progress, approved by the Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Walsall West Crime Prevention	To purchase security items to be used as reassurance tools for victims of robbery and burglary	£2995.00 Claimed £2994.25	£0.00	Crime	Willenhall North, South & Short Heath
Domehawk Camera Deployments	To set aside funding to allow the deployment of the CCTV cameras across the area partnership as required	£1000 Claimed £195.00	£0.00	ALL	ALL
Community Substance Misuse Project	To offer a community based support service for people with substance addictions	£3072 Claimed £3039.17	£0.00	Health & Crime	ALL
Willenhall Is Wonderful	To contribute to the publication of the magazine and advertise within of the Area partnership activities	£480.00 Claimed £480.00	£0.00	ALL	ALL
Willenhall Handheld CCTV	The purchase of a handheld camera and laptop to enable the police to record acts of ASB and use them as evidence	£520.00 Claimed £457.97	£0.00	Crime	ALL
IPYSS Summer Activity	This funding will enable a enhanced summer provision to be offered across the Area Partnership	£1000.00 Claimed £972.63	£1469.00 IYPSS	Youth and Health	ALL
Walsall Get Active	Sport and leisure development team project for the Walsall Get Active website	£250.00	£250.00 from other 5 Area Partnership Areas	ALL	ALL

Family Fun Days	Allocation towards the deployment of the Reach up Tower and MOVE Truck at 3 events across the Area Partnership	£1380.00 Claimed £1380.00	£0.00	ALL	ALL
Area Communications	To enable publications to be produced for the promotions of the Area Partnership	£2000.00	£0.00	ALL	ALL
Employability Course	To host several workshops from WILLENHALL' to promote employability in the area and reduce unemployment	£175.00 Claimed £0.00 Withdrawn	£0.00	Supporting People Into Work & Training	ALL

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 September, 2013.

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Junior PCSO	To allow local police officers in Willenhall North & Short Heath to work in partnership with local schools and other identified agencies on a number of issues including parking outside schools, bullying, litter and crime prevention which will reduce the dangers to children, parents and drivers in and around the schools. This funding will allow the scheme to be set up in 4 schools	WM Police	2/9/13 – 30/3/14	£962.20	Police and other officers time	Reducing crime and anti social behaviour	Willenhall North & Short Heath
Security Improvements	Where there has been recurring ASB incidents and hotspots in the partnership signs will be purchased and deployed to highlight that police patrols will be monitoring the area.	Safer Walsall	September 2013	£323.50 Claimed £323.50	Police and other officers time	Reducing crime and anti social behaviour	Willenhall North & Short Heath
Holy Trinity Online Centre Project	To Enable the IT centre at Holy Trinity Church to further develop its services for older people/vulnerable people and build on the success of	Holy Trinity Church Short Heath	October 2013 – March 2014	£3000.00 Claimed £3000.00	£1322.16 Church Funding	Tackling Worklessness & Supporting Older People & Vulnerable Adults	Willenhall North & Short Heath

	<p>current activities. The project will update the IT and software they have which is now currently extremely old and not compatible with the photography and IT programmes that are needed to be delivered. They are the only facility in Short Heath that offers community based IT courses for adults. They currently have 50 plus people a week using the suite</p>						
Willenhall Participatory Budget	<p>To enable Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership to develop a model of participatory budgeting by utilising a small budget to allow groups to bid to deliver small projects in their communities to meet the priorities of the Area Plan. Applications will be sought from local residents / groups as part of process which will be put to a public vote to decide which should be funded.</p>	Area Partnerships	October 2013 – March 2014	£10000.00	Officer Time	ALL	ALL
Willenhall October & February Half Term Activities	<p>To support and enhance the delivery of youth provision in the October 2013 &amp; February 2014 half term activities which will be aimed at providing activities and places for young people. These are diversionary activities for those that are at risk of engaging in ASB</p>	IYPSS	October 2013 – March 2014	£1000.00	£500.00 IYPSS	Increasing The Accessibility Of Youth Activities	ALL
CHARTS Choir	Willenhall CHART Centre is constantly striving	Willenhall CHART	October 2013 – March 2014	£1560.00	N/a	Positive Activities/Increasing Service For The	Willenhall South

	<p>to support the local community and meeting its needs and provision in service.</p> <p>CHARTS Choir project will bring together all aspects of the community, regardless of age, culture, sex and ability. This will form a new group of community members who will learn new skills and share existing skills with one another whilst socialising and having fun, with a view to showcase their talents to the wider community.</p>					Community	
Willenhall Young Peoples Awards Evening	<p>To work in partnership with IYPSS and other organisations to facilitate an awards ceremony evening recognising the achievements from young people in Willenhall throughout 2013 by providing an evening of young peoples entertainment and awarding each young person with a Walsall Council Certificate recognising their achievement.</p>	Willenhall CHART & IYPSS	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	<p>£845.00</p> <p>Claimed £845.00</p>	Officer Time	Increasing The Accessibility Of Youth Activities	ALL
New Invention Community Notice Board	<p>This project will enable information, key events, and notices and so displayed in a key focal point on the Square in New Invention. There is currently nowhere in the area for local people to find such information similar to what we see in Willenhall Town Centre or on green spaces.</p> <p>The project will therefore purchase a hard wearing notice board in a suitable location.</p>	Area Partnerships	October 2013 – March 2014	<p>£2714.00</p> <p>Claimed £2714.00</p>	N/a	ALL	Willenhall North & Short Heath

<p>Getting Willenhall Into Work</p>	<p>To enable Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership to update and print copies of the successful 'Getting Willenhall into Work' publication – a second version – as requested and supported by partner agencies to support people across the area into work, training and other support services.</p> <p>To provide a one stop piece of information for people out work, affected by benefits changes, vulnerable and so on to inform them of all local services available in Willenhall. It needs updating to include information about Food Banks, crisis support, new projects that exist and to also ensure there are more copies to distribute.</p>	<p>Area Partnerships</p>	<p>October 2013 – March 2014</p>	<p>£750.00</p>	<p>Officer Time</p>	<p>Supporting People Into Work &amp; Training</p>	<p>ALL</p>
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4.3 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 5 November, 2013.

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
<p>Teens and Toddlers</p>	<p>Teens and toddlers is an evidenced based youth development programme that aims to reduce the levels of teenage pregnancy by raising aspiration and self esteem. The project fosters a greater awareness of the reality of conception and parenting for young people by providing them with interaction with small children</p>	<p>Walsall Healthcare NHS trust</p>	<p>7/11/13 – 13/2/14</p>	<p>£470.00</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>in a safe nursery environment and with classroom instruction that is highly interactive and experiential. In addition to this the programme provides the opportunity for primary/nursery schools to offer additional 1 to 1 support to a number of small children identified as being likely to benefit from weekly contact with a teenage mentor. Young people completing the course gain a level 1 qualification in interpersonal skills enhancing educational attainment. Facilitators will be funded via local authority and NHS Walsall. Young people will be tracked until they are 18.</p>						
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**4.4** The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 10 December, 2013

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Rough Wood Recreation Field Litter Bin	The installation of a bin on the recreation/playing field within Rough Wood Local Nature Reserve. The friends of Rough Wood will empty the bin as part of their regular programme of litter picks and daily site patrols. Due to the level of littering on the recreation area the bin will help to alleviate the issue.	Clean & Green Services	December 2013	£315.00	N/a	Cleaner, Green and Environmental Issues	Short Heath
Pool Hayes Youth Club Refurbishment	The project is to refurbish the youth club, in consultation with young people, so that it will continue to attract more children and young people and enable us to	Pool Hayes Community Association	January 2014 – February 2014	£379.00	Pool Hayes Youth Club £200 WHG £2751.11	Children / Young People	ALL

	<p>continue the good work that they already provide to the local community.</p> <p>They would like to give the youth club a complete makeover by painting and decorating, new carpet and blinds, new furniture and new equipment. Enabling them to do this would give children and young people and sense of wellbeing, a club that they would respect and an opportunity to develop services further in the future and engage more participants into the youth club.</p> <p>Once the make-over is complete they would then like to re-launch the youth club and send out 5,000 flyers to local schools and organisations advertising what the club as to offer and how they can access the services.</p>						
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**4.5** The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 4 March 2014

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
New Invention notice Board	Additional costs for the production of the New Invention notice board	Area partnerships	March 2014	£464	N/a	ALL	Willenhall North & Short Heath
Willenhall Youth Programmes	To upgrade the current music studio and equipment so that young people can utilise it fully	IYPSS	March 2014	£620.00	N/a	Positive activities for younger people	Willenhall North/South & Short Heath



	<p>To purchase a 5 channel mixing desk for portable mixing and production to use with hard to reach young people in Willenhall and Short heath in positive activities based around music and lyrics.</p> <p>To purchase board games and resources to use on street based projects which can also be utilised at the development at the Assessment House in New Invention.</p> <p>Young people using the projects are focusing on music yet the technology they have access to is not fit for the purpose to suit their needs.</p> <p>The equipment will enable young people to write and record music and lyrics to express how they feel about topical issues.</p> <p>The purchase of board games will support the detached youth workers to engage young people in positive</p>						
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	activities in a street based setting and at the Assessment House in New Invention.						
Willenhalls Got Talent	To assist in the production of Willenhalls Got Talent by providing running costs for the show including hire of equipment and winners incentives. The show aims to reach out to the whole community and engage with everyone of all ages with no limit on who can apply.	Area Partnerships	March 2014	£300.00	TBC	ALL	ALL
Physical activities for all	To enhance the choice in participation in sports within Willenhall south for all ages and young people's activities. With more choice in group and physical activities this will aid in young people's activities and current users of the centre to have more choice and group working within physical activities. We currently have youth provision being run by Maddsisons on a Saturday for 11-19 year olds	Willenhall CHART	March 2014	£1075.00	TBC	ALL	ALL

	<p>for two hour sports sessions in listening to the young people that would like more choice in activity, this has also been the same response for current users of the Centre This will also increase choice and participation within the Centre. These activities have also been requested by our elderly group who want to keep active but in a fun and more social setting.</p>						
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**4.6** There has been a under-spend on the Participatory Budget allocation of **£2976.00** which has been reallocated to the Willenhall & Short Heath main budget.

**4.7** This leaves **£6268.28 (£3292.28 main budget plus £2976.00 Participatory Budget Under-spend)** for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

## **5. Project Applications for Approval**

**5.1** Attached at Appendix 1 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration.

**5.2** The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£2000.00**

**5.3** The project in Appendix 1 may be subject to a carry forward request

**5.4** If the projects presented in appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£4268.28** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year



## **6. Project Applications for Approval From 2014-2015 budget**

- 6.1** Attached at Appendix 2 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration from the 2014-2015 budget allocation.
- 6.2** The total proposed projects in Appendix 2 for the panels' consideration is **£680.00**
- 6.3** That the **Willenhall Youth Programmes Easter Activities** be approved subject to IYPSS providing confirmation, which meets the Partnership Managers approval, on how young people shall be identified and that an update on the **Willenhall Youth Programmes Easter Activities** be included within the next funding report
- 6.4** If the projects presented in appendix 2 are approved, this will leave a total of **£39320.00** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year

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## Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
New gate Installation	To fabricate and install a gate at New Invention Square to assist in the prevention and reduction of ASB levels. The gate will be working in conjunction with residents and local shop keepers	Area Partnerships	21/3/14 – 31/3/14	£2000.00	N/a	Safer Walsall and Business & Jobs	Willenhall North

## Appendix 2

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
<p><b>Willenhall Youth Programmes Easter Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Financial assistance in the delivery of IYPSS half term Easter Activities in the Area Partnership. The delivery of the program will help to reduce the levels of ASB that may increase during school holiday periods through targeted youth work and activities.</b></p>	<p><b>IYPSS</b></p>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b></p>	<p><b>£680.00</b></p>	<p><b>N/a</b></p>	<p><b>Young People</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>